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The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections made in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending and stand rejected.

1. Interview Summary

On August 26, 2003, Tim H. Pham and Examiner Wallace participated in a telephone conference. The participants discussed the difference between identifying a cell as a complex region based on the total number of outlines that map to the cell, as recited by claim 1, and determining complexity based on the number of path intersections occurring within a cell, as described in Schiller.

2. Rejections Under Section 102

Claims 1-6, 8-20, and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,049,339 to Schiller et al. ("Schiller"). Claim 1 recites: "A computer-based